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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Celiac disease is a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes with absorption of nutrients from food; and

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WHEREAS, Celiac disease affects people in all parts of the world; originally thought to be a rare childhood syndrome, celiac disease is now known to be a common genetic disorder; and

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WHEREAS, More than two million people in the United States have the disease, or about 1 in 133 people; and

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WHEREAS, People who have celiac disease cannot tolerate gluten, a protein present in wheat, rye, and barley; gluten is found mainly in foods, but may also be found in everyday products such as medicines, vitamins, and lip balms; and

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WHEREAS, People with celiac disease may have no symptoms but can still develop complications of the disease over time; long-term complications include malnutrition, which can lead to anemia, osteoporosis, and miscarriage, and other problems such as liver diseases and cancers of the intestine; and

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds it in the public

1 interest to raise awareness of celiac disease; the Department
2 of Public Health is charged with promoting public awareness of
3 various matters affecting the health and well-being of Illinois
4 residents; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 urge the Department of Public Health to take appropriate steps
8 to raise public awareness of celiac disease; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
10 delivered to the Governor and the Director of Public Health.